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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. 

TOPIC Military Information from Stendal

EVALUATION  25X1 PLACE OBTAINED  25X1DATE OF CONTENT  18 to 30 October 195325X1 DATE OBTAINED  DATE PREPARED 26 November 1953REFERENCES PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS 

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SOURCE 

1. On 30 October 1953, the Tauentzien Kaserne in Stendal was occupied by about 1,000 troops with engineer, signal and motor transport insignia. All quarters were lighted at dusk. On 25 October, 3 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets were reeling up cables in the training area. On 26 October, pontoons were painted and carpenter's and joiner's work was performed in the north section of the installation. The vehicles of a motor vehicle column were sheltered in a garage.

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25X1 2.  on 30 October, the Borstel Fliegerhorst was occupied by about 2,000 troops. Source determined an AT unit equipped with 100-mm AT guns, a unit with about 16 x 132-mm rocket launchers, a signal unit and air force personnel.

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25X1 On 25 October, source determined that 2 temporary buildings were under construction and 15 troops were preparing an AAA emplacement.

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25X1 3. At 11:30 a.m. on 18 October, a shipment of 9 flatcars with sideracks and 1 boxcar was being unloaded in Stendal. The shipment included trucks, 2 tank trucks and 1 tank trailer.

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Troops involved in the unloading wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

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25X1  Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the installations mentioned over a report of mid-October  The signal unit in the Borstel Fliegerhorst may be  identical with the unidentified signal battalion of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, which, so far, has been assumed in the Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne or the Hindenburg Kaserne, or the 977th Sig Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, which was vaguely indicated in the Tauentzien Kaserne. The latter possibility appears more probable.

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